

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: April 10, 2014

Agenda Item: Fishing Access Site Annual Rule

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background

The Fish & Wildlife Commission proposed a Fishing Access Site Annual Rule on Jan. 9, 2014. The rule pertains to:

- Fees (camping, group use permits, facility rentals, special recreation permits)

- Stipulations on camping at fishing access sites

- Group Use Permit requirements (groups of more than 30 people)

- Special Recreation Permit requirements (permit system in place on the Blackfoot and Madison rivers for commercial use, competitive events, organized group activities)

FWP is recommending that the commission adopt a final FAS rule. The final rule would replace the current FAS Annual Rule, which was adopted by the commission in February 2013. The recommended final rule doesn't contain any changes to the current rule.

Public Involvement Process & Results

FWP received two comments on the proposed rule. One person commented that there should be a fee for people who use fishing access sites but don't have a state use permit or a conservation permit. Another person expressed concern that regulations and fees at fishing access sites are an impediment to his use of these sites.

Alternatives & Analysis

The commission could choose to make amendments to the proposed rule.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that the commission adopt the FAS Annual Rule as presented. FWP hasn't identified the need for any changes to the rule at this time.

Proposed Motion

I move that the commission adopt a final Fishing Access Site Annual Rule as presented.